तथा श्रेणी-वार प्रतीक्षा सूची के अनुसार कितने टेलीफोन कनेक्शन दिये गये;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि संचार विभाग द्वारा प्रतीक्षा-सूची के अनुसार नये टेलीफोन कनेक्शन नहीं दिये गये हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुख राम : (क) सौराष्ट्र क्षेत्र के जिलों में 1993-94 के दौरान जारी किये जाने वाले प्रस्तावित नये टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों की संख्या विवरण के कालम 3 में दी गई है (नीचे देखिए)।

1994-95 के लिए नये टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के जिलावार लक्ष्य की अभी अन्तिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है। तथापि, गुजरात दूरसंचार सर्किल में समग्र रूप से नए टेलीफोन कनेक्शन प्रदान करने का लक्ष्य अन्तिम तौर पर 1,10,000 निर्धारित किया गया है।

(ख) 30-11-93 की स्थिति के अनुसार श्रेणीवार प्रतीक्षा सूची और जारी किये गये टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों का ब्यौरा अनुबंध के कालम 4, 5, 6 और 7 में दिया गया है। इन जिलों में श्रेणीवार जारी किये गये टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के बारे में सूचना समेकित की जा रही है और उसे सदन-पटल पर रखा दिया जाएगा।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

विवरण

1993-94 के दौरान जारी किये जाने वाले प्रस्तावित नए टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों की संख्या और 30-11-93 की स्थिति के अनुसार श्रेणीवार प्रतीक्षा सूची एवं सौराष्ट्र क्षेत्र के जिलों में जारी किये गये टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों की संख्या

क्र. सं.	जिले का नाम	93-94 के दौरान जारी किए जाने वाले प्रस्तावित नये टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों की संख्या	एमटीएनएल की प्रतीक्षा सूची		सामान्य	93-94 के दौरान 30-11-93 तक जारी किए गए टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों की संख्या
			ओवाईडी	गैर-ओवाईडी टी विशेष		
1	राजकोट	4000	231	291	13299	2621
2	जामनगर	1000	20	218	2803	460
3	जूनागढ़	2000	85	105	4680	956
4	भावनगर	2000	632	548	10617	870
5	कच्छ	2500	220	61	6103	976
6	अमरेली	1000	56	69	1970	494
7	सुरेन्द्र नगर	2000	29	116	1989	814

Delay in the Distribution of New Tele phone Directory

1394. Dr. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether these is any prescribed time limit within which a new telephone directory is *required* to *be* publish;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what it the period prescribed for distribution of a new telephone directory after publication in various cities of each state;

(d) whether Government are aware that the new telephony direptory when brought out is distributed very late in Aurangabad (Maharasttra) ; and

(e) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to ensure distrtbution of new telephone directorrios in verious cities within a reasonable time after its publica tion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The periodicity of publication of Telephone directories is once a year.

(c) New Telephone Drectories are to be distributed soon after the receipt of printed directories in adequate numbers.

(d) The Telephone Directory of Aurangabad was last printed in February 1991. There was no delay in the distribution of directories as 83% of the subscribers collected the new directories within one month.

(e) Does, not arise.

Abolition of Customs Duty on Import of Amateur Radio Equipment

1395. Dr. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUCATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has requested the Finance Ministry to reduce the Customs Duty on import of Amateur Radio Equip ment ;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Ministry of Finance thereon ; and

(c) by when the orders are likely to be issued in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Finance have recently informed of their inability to agree to any further reduction of customs duty on import of Amateur Radio Equipment.

Review of Indian Economy by Assocham

@ 1396. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the mid year review of Indian economy by ASSOCHAM in which it was stated that populist schemes are weakening the economic stabilisation ; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Govern ment thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) On the occasion of the Indepeadence Day, the 15th August, 1993 the Prime Minister Announced three new schemes namely Mahila Sam-ridhi Yojana, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana for the Educated Unemployed Youths and Assured Employment for Rural poors in the revamped PDS Blocks. The objective of the first scheme is to promote self-reliance and achieve a measure of economic independence among Women; the second scheme aims to provide employment to about 10 lakh educated unemployed urban youths in micro-eventerprises and the objective of the last scheme is to provide about 100 days of assured casual manual labour employment during the lean agricultural season to all persons above 18 years of age and below 60 years in rural area for two persons per family of the rural poor who are needy and want work.

The economic reforms are aimed at improving the living standards of all of our people and not just the better-off sections.

Externally aided central sector projects In the country

@@ 1397. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the externally aided central sector projects in the country whose execution have been unsatisfactory;

(b) what is the period for which these projects have been delayed stating the reasons for delay in their implementation;

(c) what is the estimated cost escalation in each of the projects ; and

(d) what measures have been taken by Government to implement the projects to avoid further cost escalation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINIS- TER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) Extremaly aided Central projects in the country:

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